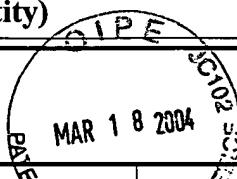


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)****(Large Entity)**

Docket No.

15115.003001

In Re Application Of: Atsushi Shimizu

Serial No.  
09/885,296Filing Date  
June 20, 2001Examiner  
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Invention: **METHOD OF SETTING DIRECTION OF GROWING PERSONNEL, METHOD OF SELECTING SUPPLEMENTARY CAPABILITY, METHOD OF SELECTING SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONNEL, METHOD OF EVALUATING PERSONNEL, ...**

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of November 18, 2004 above-identified application.

*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

from: February 18, 2004      until: March 18, 2004

*Date*

The fee for the extension of time is \$110 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0591
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0591

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